The number of sub-centres functioning in the State of Madhya Pradesh as on September, 2004 are 8835 as against the requirement of 10402 Sub-centres leading to shortfall of 1567 Sub-centres as per 2001 population norm.

(c) Recently launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM-2005-2012) proposes to sanction new Sub-centres as per 2001 population norm.

Procedure for giving permission for clinical trails

1915. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether multinational companies conducting clinical trails in India require permission from the Drug Controller of India;

(b) if so, whether such permission is being granted by the Drug Controller; and

(c) what are the reasons behind amendment of Schedule 'Y' of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, made in January, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The main reasons behind amendment of Schedule 'Y' are:—

1. To update the clinical trial norms in the country to that of contemporary norms.
2. To protect the interests of clinical study subjects.
3. To ensure quality/integrity of clinical trial data.

Retirement age of doctors

1916. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to increase the retirement age of the doctors and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether suggestions have been sent to the State Governments in this regard and if so, the names of States which have agreed to raise the retirement age?